THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

WRIT PETITION No.13855 OF 2006

ORAL ORDER:

This writ petition is filed questioning the order passed by the 2nd respondent-District Collector, West Godavari District, dated 6.10.2005, thereby canceling the caste certificate produced by the petitioner, in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 9(7) of the Andhra Pradesh (SC, ST & BCs) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act.

I have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Social Welfare, appearing for respondents 1 & 2.

Though the learned counsel for the petitioner raised various contentions, I am not inclined to express any opinion on merits, since the petitioner has already preferred an appeal against the order, which is pending before the 1st respondent. However, the learned counsel for the petitioner points out that the 1st respondent though entertained the appeal, by order dated 3.7.2006, refused to stay the operation of the order of cancellation dated 6.10.2005 and, in the meanwhile, the respondents are taking coercive steps on the basis of the impugned order of cancellation.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the 1st respondent to dispose of the appeal, pending on its file, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Till such time, the order of cancellation dated 6.10.2005, passed by the 2nd respondent, shall not be given effect to. No costs.

(G. ROHINI, J.)

24th March, 2006.
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WRIT PETITION No.13855 OF 2006

11th July, 2006.

Between: Arigela Veerabhadra Rao. .. Petitioner.

And

The Government of Andhra Pradesh,
represented by its Additional Secretary,
Social Welfare (CV.2) Department, Secretariat,
Hyderabad and two others. .. Respondents.